

RE: RM-10786

Please eliminate the requirement of Morse Code proficiency test requirements from the Commission's Part 97 rules for all classes of amateur license issued by the Commission.

Here in Texas, we were able to assist in the search and rescue of portions of the spacecraft, Columbia, with our No-Code Technician license. What could be more important that we need to need Morse Code? We, who hold the No-Code Technician license, can assist in emergencies as well as those capable of 30 w.p.m Morse Code, so what is the purpose to keep the outdated code as requirement for a license?

I, for one, am unable to decipher Morse Code because of the ringing and popping in my ears, so please consider people like me in your ruling. We have a handicap we cannot help and are being treated as secondary citizens and pray your consideration.